how these are not transmitted. All the Media Units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting viz. Doordarshan, All India Radio, Directorate of Advertising and visual publicity, Song & Drama Division, Directorate of Field Publicity, Films Division and Press Information Bureau are involved in disseminating AIDS prevention messages. Besides, non-governmental organisations are involved in AIDS awareness activities and implementation of intervention project for those practicing high risk behaviour. Those who attend STD clinics are particularly vulnerable to HIV infection. Counselling services for prevention of HIV/AIDS in STD clinics and other health care services are being strengthened as part of a Counselling Services Training Project launched for implementation in late 1996.

Need for Opening More Medical Colleges due to shortage of Doctors in Country

387.SHRI JOY NAD KKARA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey as to the population-doctor ratio in India at present;

(b) whether it is felt that there is requirement of more doctors and hospitals; and

(c) if so, whether Government would open more medical colleges, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) The doctor population ratio for allopathic doctor is about 1:2, 250. However, taking into account the number of qualified practitioners in Indian system of Medicine & Homeopathy, the said ratio would be about 1:950. As per a report of the Medical Council of India, there is no acute shortage of trained doctors in the country.

(c) The proposal regarding opening of Medical colleges are being processed in accordance with provision of section 10A of the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Act, 1993.

Applications for Opening New Medical Colleges

388. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications in the prescribed form with payment of application fee and bank guarantee for establishment of new medical colleges have been received alongwith names and address of the applicants;

(b) how many medical colleges have been sanctioned by the government during 1993-94 to 1996-97 year-wise and the names of such colleges;

(c) whether the State Government have issued NOC in case of all the sanctioned colleges or colleges have been sanctioned subject to State Government-NOC; and

(d) how many of the sanctioned colleges have actually been functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Details of applications received, complete in all respects, are given in the Statement (*see* below)

(b) A list of medical colleges permitted to be established by the Central Government after the enforcement of Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Act,1993 till date is at statement-II (*see* below).

(c) Central Government permission is granted only after obtaining an essentiality certificate from the concerned State Government as prescribed under the regulation. However, in one case, permission has been given without insisting upon essentiality certificate, as per direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(d) As per information available, one medical college out of those permitted to be established by the Central Government has not started functioning till 31.10.1996.

Statement-I

Details of applications reserved for opening New Medical colleges

S.No.	Name & address of applicant
1.	President, Academy of Medical Sciences, Pariayaram, Kannur, Kerala.
2.	Executive President & Director, Maharashtra Academy of Engineering and Education Research, Talegaon, Dhabade, Pune.